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Community Conversation – Jobs, Education and Opportunity Forum

Could the recent incidents that we're seeing unfold in Ferguson, Missouri happen in Tucson?

We've seen the evolving tensions in Tucson between portions of the Latino community and our law enforcement agencies.

What role does a job and a paycheck play in these issues?

How about a good education? Does a diploma play a role in diffusing divisions?

What opportunities exist in each of those areas in Tucson?

I'm sure that in nearly every home these issues have been the topic of dinnertime conversations – or over the water cooler at work, the lunchroom at school, and at church or synagogue. All of us are or should be troubled by the images we see too often in the media.





Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police
Department**
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-4133
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

**Abandoned
Shopping Carts**
791-3171

**Neighborhood
Resources**
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222

**Environmental
Services**
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

**Planning and
Development
Services** 791-5550

**Pima County Animal
Control**
243-5900

**Pima County Vector
Control**
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 740-2760

Continued: A Message From Steve

On Monday, October 20th, I'll be joined by a diverse group of community leaders to share and to listen to the public weigh in on this complex topic. I'm very pleased to have Tom Beal from the Arizona Daily Star moderating the forum. Tom has been reporting in the Valley forever and is well versed in what makes Tucson tick.

The panel will include the head of each of the Chambers of Commerce in the City. Those include:

Tucson Hispanic Chamber – Lea Marquez-Peterson
Metro Chamber – Mike Varney
Black Chamber – Clarence Boykins
GLBT Chamber – Sheldon Fishman
National Association of Women Business Owners – Reba Kalil

Rounding out the group will be leadership from our educational community:

Superintendent of TUSD – HT Sanchez
Chancellor of Pima College – Lee Lambert

Why this conversation? Because as I reflected on what we see in the area of race relations, it struck me that the job and opportunity creators in our community have a valuable message to deliver. It also struck me that we need to hear from one another in an open and honest dialogue. I believe we need to acknowledge the link that exists between opportunities and some of the divisions that we see play out in the press. I think Tucsonans can have that dialogue and that if we do, we can learn valuable perspectives from one another.

At the heart of opportunity is the result – that is, how the diversity of our region is reflected in some key occupations. To that end, I checked on the current minority representation found among commissioned personnel in both TPD and TFD. Here's that data:

Police Commissioned Demographics as of 09/09/14

A = Asian; B = African Amer; H = Hispanic; I = Native Amer; O = Other; P = Nat Haw/Pac Isl; T = Two or More Races; W = White

	W	A	B	H	I	O	P	T	Minorities	Gender Total
Female Count	89	5	1	34	3	0	0	1	44	133
Female Percent	9.32	0.52	0.10	3.56	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.10	4.61	13.93
Male Count	564	20	13	214	4	0	5	2	258	822
Male Percent	59.06	2.09	1.36	22.41	0.42	0.00	0.52	0.21	27.02	86.07
Grand Totals	653	25	14	248	7	0	5	3	302	955
	68.38	2.62	1.47	25.97	0.73	0.00	0.52	0.31	31.62	100.00



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
628-6580

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201



Fire Commissioned Demographics as of 09/10/14

	A	B	H	I	O	P	T	W	Minorities	Gender Total
Female Count	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	26	6	32
Female Percent	0.33	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.28	0.99	5.27
Male Count	8	4	125	4	1	0	5	428	147	575
Male Percent	1.32	0.66	20.59	0.66	0.16	0.00	0.82	70.51	24.22	94.73
Grand Totals	10	4	129	4	1	0	5	454	153	607
	1.65	0.66	21.25	0.66	0.16	0.00	0.82	74.79	25.21	100.00

A = Asian; B = Black; H = Hispanic; I = American Indian; O = Other; P = Native Hawaiian; T = Two or More Races; W = White

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

City of Tucson, Human Resources, Equal Opportunity Programs Division

We've got work to do in both agencies.

The forum will be held in the Catalina High School auditorium. The doors will open at 6pm and we'll begin at 6:30. We'll begin with some short opening remarks from the panelists, and then we want to hear from you, and we want you to hear from each other. We'll stop at 8pm.

There's true value in cross-demographics being able to listen to and learn from the experiences of others. I'm hoping and anticipating the night will be one of sharing and a lot of listening. Maybe we'll come away a little more united and insulated from the divisiveness we see on television than we would be without this exchange.

Taking a chance? Yep. Trusting in Tucsonans? You bet. I think it'll be a good night of listening and learning. Even if you don't plan on sharing, you're invited to attend and support the idea that a diverse community like ours can meet and talk about hard issues without coming apart at the seams. In fact, it's a healthy concept.

Catalina is located at 3645 E Pima St. There's plenty of parking. The event is free. I'll be sharing more on this between now and the 20th.

More on Communication

Last week I touched on the issue of City leadership doing a poor job of proactively engaging with 4th Avenue and downtown merchants on the issue of road closures related to the streetcar and large events. I thought we had crossed an important bridge when there was broad agreement to meet and proactively discuss ideas and the timing of their implementation with merchants and the surrounding neighborhoods before finalizing decisions.

Nope. On Wednesday of last week, changes being implemented on Toole Ave that Friday were announced through a press release. The issue isn't whether or not the idea was a good one. It's an issue of timing, educating the public ahead of time, and listening to those who will be impacted before announcing a final decision.

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

The same dynamic plays out in relation to neighborhood issues. Dialogue and getting input is so key to making public policy that the way we've been operating has to stop. I'm not naïve enough to suggest that everyone gets what they want, but that the decision that's finally implemented benefits from a broad consideration of perspectives. That's the goal I'm shooting for.

From Mayor and Council on over to Department Heads — we all make better decisions when we take our time and keep an open mind during the listening phase. If leadership continues to skip that part, you'll continue to read about it here and, to the extent the media feels it's a worthy topic, in the broader press, too. It'd be great to also be able to toss kudos around when we get it right. In fact, here's an example of us engaging in good public process:

City Manager Town Hall

On Thursday, we held a Town Hall related to our City Manager selection process. It was largely a Ward 6 neighborhood meeting. Thanks for showing up and taking part.

We heard from 17 speakers. Almost 2/3 of them were Ward 6 residents. Many others were in the audience to listen. We've got a highly engaged group of constituents who are participants where the action is in the City.

Conspicuous in their absence were any representatives of the business community. This is intended to be an inclusive process. To make it so, you've gotta show up.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear what you all value in a new City Manager. Over and over the message was that the residents want to be a respected and participatory part of our public policy making process. You want your input to be given a fair hearing, the process of making public policy to be open and transparent, and you want City staff to be held to high performance standards on these and other metrics.

You want our new CM to engage with neighborhood associations, to have a track record of diplomacy, and you want the new person to come to the application process already having done his/her homework to know our issues before showing up with resume in hand. Those issues include concern for a healthy environment, sensitivity to historic preservation, the need for a strong economics focus, and respect for our cultural and ethnic diversity. The comments we received on Thursday were on point, and I believe M&C heard them loudly and clearly.

This list will now be synthesized by our consultant. He'll take the input and produce an application brochure to send out nationwide. He'll receive the applications, cull the list per the criteria that will be compiled, and eventually our citizen panel will review a shortlist of candidates. In the meantime, we'll continue to put the steps we'll go through to reach the final list of candidates in place. More to come on that as we fine tune the process.

None of us are in a particular hurry to get through this process. We want to get it right, not do it fast. Thursday was a demonstration of our commitment to keeping the community engaged in this selection process. It was contrary to some of the other examples of out-

reach that I've shared already.

Even More on Communication

TUSD / Solar Panels / Repurposing School Sites

Also on Thursday of last week, I met with some TUSD staff and a representative of the company that's putting solar arrays onto TUSD properties. The reason I asked for the meeting was to impress on them that they/we need to engage in community outreach, seek the input of residents, and not simply make decisions related to siting the solar arrays in a vacuum. I know the Carrillo area folks are not at all happy with the location of the solar array that's now on that school property. It might have been the only legitimate location, but without a robust process of neighborhood engagement, we'll never have the benefit of having considered alternate locations, even on that school site. I ran past Lineweaver over the weekend. They've put the panels so close to a home on the north side of the campus that the bottom of the array will now be the view out their southern windows. There might have been alternatives.

My message to the solar Program Manager, Marcus Jones – as it already has been to HT Sanchez and others on his staff and on the Governing Board – is simply that the City and District have to work together on issues of where solar panel arrays are going and on other important issues surrounding repurposing schools, shutting down and/or selling schools, and the many issues that go along with those activities. Those include traffic conflicts, maintenance of abandoned buildings, and next use ideas for properties that are shut down, or might be soon. I've been pushing on this issue since early in the year. We've finally gotten some indication that we'll be able to work cooperatively.

To that end, there will be a community outreach meeting on Wednesday, October 15th @ 6pm. The meeting will take place at the Lee Instructional Resource Center over at 2025 E Winsett St. It's across the street from the UA track facility. The purpose of the outreach will be to discuss with the community the location of several new solar panel arrays that will be scattered out among several TUSD schools. The ones we'll be addressing on the 15th are Blenman, Tolson, Manzo, Tully, Robins, Miles, Cragin, and Davidson. There are several mid-town sites in that list. Here's their 'invite:'



The SUN is Coming to Our Schools!

Blenman Elementary School • Cragin Elementary School • Davidson Elementary School
Manzo Elementary School • Miles Early Learning Center PK-8 • Robins K-8 School
Tolson Elementary School • Tully Elementary School

Energy Savings to Benefit Students, Teachers and the Community

Tucson Unified School District's Governing Board has authorized the construction of solar electric systems at 40 plus District schools and facilities. The systems will be provided at no cost to the District. Solar panels will be integrated onto shade structures and located at functional and cost-effective places, primarily playgrounds and parking lots.

To learn more about the solar shade structures to be installed at our schools attend a community presentation on:

Wednesday, October 15th
Lee Instructional Resource Center (L.I.R.C.)
2025 E. Winsett Street, Tucson, AZ 85719
Presentation Begins @ 6:00 pm



The District contractor has some well-developed ideas as to where they want to install the panels at each school site. I've suggested to them that a 'discussion as to options' might be a way to approach the presentation on the 15th. I'll be there to encourage some level of openness to that. I hope you can attend and participate, too.

...and on a related note, TUSD has a sale pending for the Ft. Lowell Elementary school. I've reached out to the District and suggested we jointly engage the neighborhood associations in the area to talk about appropriate and preferred uses. That would give the prospective developer some idea as to what's possible or desired by the residents in the area. The same is true of the Townsend area. TUSD is talking about moving Dodge school over there – an increase of 600+ students in that neighborhood. We're also working on a meeting with that Association to talk about traffic impacts. Over the weekend, I sent to two of the District administrators who are involved in the Dodge move an email requesting that somebody from my staff be included in the "Dodge Committee" that they've formed. Right now, they've got District staff and parents from the school included. Our involvement would be key to facilitating the public outreach that's needed. On Sunday I received a reply that the principal of Dodge will be the one to make that call. I'll share how that goes with you.

So much of what we do is wound up in how we communicate with constituents. That singular issue has been very time-consuming for the past few weeks. It's necessary.

One final thought on the District and outreach. They're at some point going to be asking the residents to vote on a budget override. If the memories people have in their heads are of not being included in decision making, it'll likely play a role in how they feel about approving more funding for the school District. That's something they might want to keep in mind.

TUSD Solar Project

The fact that we're not yet having the level of communication I'm after related to the TUSD solar sites doesn't imply that I'm not supportive of their solar program. I am, but it needs to be conducted in a more open and proactive manner.

The project will cover over 40 TUSD sites. The District will realize both long- and short-term savings. So will the community when it comes to preserving limited energy resources. It's a good program, but we have to manage the communications and the final location of the arrays well in advance of installation. My concern is getting the District and its partners to consider sites that will minimize the impact of the arrays on the adjoining properties, or even mitigate impacts on the school sites themselves.

The project team is made up of Natural Power & Energy, Constellation Corporation, and TUSD. Together they're responsible for purchasing new energy stores and adhering to a three-way solar services agreement. Constellation will own the systems and TUSD will yield savings of over \$11M by 2035. The region will see the District's CO2 footprint fall by 38 million pounds per year.

With those benefits coming to the local area, we all have a vested interest in seeing a successful implementation of the program. Stakeholders have to be a party to deciding on

where the arrays are located on the various TUSD properties.

Scheduling and participating in meetings aimed at familiarizing adjoining neighbors with solar arrays and giving them some input into where they arrays go is something that I'm actively engaged in. For right now, the October 15th meeting is the only one solidified.

Sky Islands School

Related to the reuse of TUSD schools, the Sky Islands High School has now been operating out of the former Rogers Elementary School over at 6000 E 14th St. They took over the site back in 2013 after it had been left vacant by the District for 3 years. The residents in the area were tired of the activities they saw taking place in the buildings, the broken windows, and a general state of disrepair. Now it's the home to a unique high school curriculum, focused on linking environmental concerns with the traditional "three Rs" (that's reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic, of course) that students need to succeed at the college level.

On Friday, October 24th, Sky Islands High School will be hosting a fund raising event with '60s/'70s music and vintage cars as the theme. In 2013, Sky Islands became the first public school to lease a vacated TUSD building with the expressed purpose of rehabilitating the site and offering a top-notch curriculum. It's timely that I have a chance to help promote their event at the same time I'm sharing some related concerns about how the District is working with us at other sites.

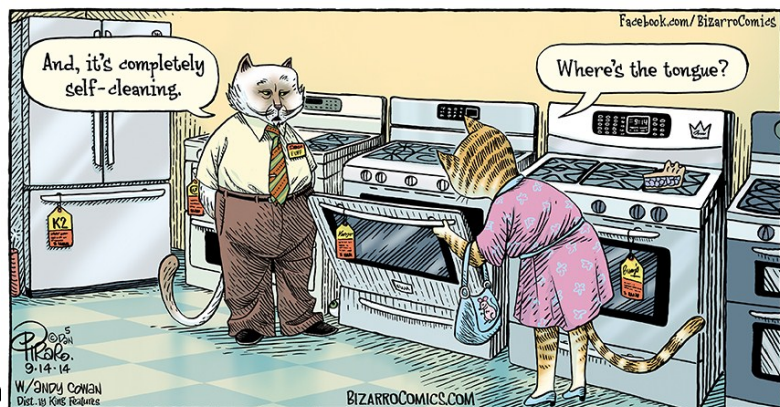
If you'd like more information on the Sky Islands event, you can call the folks at the school @ 382.9210 or send them an email at office@skyislands.org. It's an opportunity for you to participate and ask any questions you might have about their curriculum and mission. Outreach/communications.

Pima County Bonds

And a quick thought on the upcoming Pima County Bond election as it relates to Pima Animal Care Center. First, I support what they're trying to do out there and I recognize the need to upgrade the PACC facilities. The problem is that in the midst of the campaign in which you're being asked to fund that \$22M project, the County is also sending increases in charges to the surrounding jurisdictions.

Both Sahuarita and Marana have recently indicated that they're not inclined to participate in the cost escalations. If they come to the City and want us to just write a larger check, I'm going to be asking staff to explore alternatives, such as us using shelters and rescues to take

on some of the work. They're cash strapped too, so I suspect we'd get some takers if we looked into the possibility. The rescues are already taking some of the animals off PACC's hands and caring for them until they're adopted. While that helps PACC's 'kill rate data,' it shifts the burden over to the shelters – along with the



costs for caring for the animals.

One of those shelters is the **Hermitage Cat Shelter**. Their Executive Director, Lee Bucyk, shared with me that their facilities are overstuffed and taking these extra animals from PACC, although it's the humane thing to do, only adds to their overcrowding. They're running a capital campaign of their own right now to fund some remodeling. If you'd like to connect with them, either for adoption or helping with their building campaign, you can reach them at Lee@hermitagecatshelter.org or 571.7839.

Those are at least the seeds of a change in how we do business. And that could affect Prop 415's chances.

Sometimes I question the tactical wisdom of how things are being done – timing and method. Communicating effectively?

A Final Add on Communicating



It's mid-afternoon, likely a time when people have their coolers running, and this business fires up a diesel generator that sends this smoke into the surrounding neighborhood. It gets sucked into their cooling systems and permeates their homes.

It's not "business unfriendly" to expect businesses to operate in a way that's compatible with the legitimate quality of life considerations of homeowners who live immediately adjacent to their places

of business. This generator was not properly permitted and I'm now engaged with our Code Enforcement folks to remedy its use.

Communication goes in all directions – City staff, TUSD administration, businesses, and homeowners in the community. To sum it all up, we lost a really funny comedian last week who made her mark with her 1986 TV show called "Can We Talk?"

We still need to take Joan Rivers' question to heart.



Domestic Violence Data

A while back I shared some of the data collected in the Arizona Domestic Violence Fatality Report that was put together by the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. They just released an updated report. Some of the new data is shown in the table on the following page.

ARIZONA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED FATALITIES, 2013

Domestic violence related incidents	100 incidents, resulting in 125 deaths
Incidents of fatal intimate partner violence (one current or former spouse /dating partner killed the other)	39 incidents, resulting in 60 deaths
Fatalities with guns or firearms	75
Domestic violence related incidents with two or more fatalities	22
Total suicides (excluding law enforcement intervention)	23
Perpetrator fatalities/suicides by law enforcement intervention	12
Deceased females	52
Deceased males	73
Deceased children/minors	20
Female perpetrators	15
Male perpetrators	75

I'm grateful to Ed Mercurio-Sakwa, current Director of Emerge Center against Domestic Abuse, for sending along the August 2014 report. It's a striking reminder that we cannot take our eye off the ball when it comes to this issue. I mention it briefly here for two reasons. First, there's an election coming for State Legislators. Incumbents have a track record that you can check in relation to how they've voted to fund Human Services in this area – and challengers can and should be asked to weigh in on their positions.

Secondly, there was a troubling revelation last week related to our allocation of TPD resources. There was a shooting incident in the Pima/Alvernon area recently, but because the undercover personnel who would have normally been investigating had been pulled downtown for 'streetcar duty,' the investigation is dragging on.

Scroll back up to the item on communicating about downtown street closures and the streetcar, and you'll again see why staff has simply got to get out and talk to the people about how we're addressing those issues. I've said before, as have others, that we do not have the TPD staff to handle 'streetcar duty' in the way that we have been approaching it. It's not fair to other areas of town. I've heard alternatives suggested by merchants and their representatives. Ignoring them has more wide-ranging impacts than just along Congress Street and Fourth Avenue.

Gun Violence

On a more upbeat note relating to the community experience with gun violence, Tucson's January 8th Memorial Foundation has begun a national search for a design team to create a permanent memorial to the 2011 Safeway shooting. Six people were killed and another dozen were wounded. You know the story well.

The memorial site will be both indoors at the Pima County Courthouse and outdoors in the El Presidio Park that's in between the County building and City Hall. The site was chosen as a way to speak to the fact that it was during the expression of the democratic process – a “Congress on Your Corner” event – that the shootings occurred. The hope is that the memorial will encourage citizens to continue to actively take part in the democratic process, exercising their right to civil discourse.

Design submissions are due by September 30th. The final selection will be made early next year. If you'd like to read the full Request for Qualifications information, please [click here](#).

And you can learn more about the Foundation [here](#).

False Alarm Ordinance

We've gone through 2 ½ fiscal years since the adoption of our local Security Alarm Ordinance. At the time we enacted it, we were told that it would generate about a million dollars per year. It was to serve as a cost-recovery vehicle for TPD to offset the costs associated with responding to false alarms. The Ordinance had the support of the major Arizona Alarm Association, but three smaller, local firms strongly opposed it. I joined them in that opposition.

Since its inception, finance staff tells me that the City has generated the following revenues from the alarm fee:

<i>FY 2012</i>	<i>\$96,640.00</i>
<i>FY 2013</i>	<i>\$127,766.16</i>
<i>FY 2014</i>	<i>\$168,750.28</i>

In fairness, FY12 was a partial year.

The way the Ordinance works is that for an annual \$20 fee you're given some grace on the first two false alarms. The first one is free. If you have a second one, you can take a class to avoid a \$100 fine. Without the \$20 annual fee, you pay a fine from the start, which escalate after each false alarm.

The new Ordinance does have one important benefit. Under the previous ordinance, if you were cited for a false alarm you had to pay your fine through the court. That tied up court time and was a real inconvenience to residents. Now we have it so you just pay the City directly without it going through the court system.

I voted against the Ordinance for a few reasons. First, I doubted the revenue estimates. Next, I was concerned about its impact on local alarm businesses. Finally, I didn't want to do anything that would discourage residents from investing in an alarm system for their homes or businesses. I felt the solution the local companies proposed, that we fine the companies instead of the homeowners, would have forced more accountability between those parties. If an alarm system was defective, the company would have a greater incentive to repair it. If the homeowner was simply negligent, the company would have the liberty to discontinue service.

I've asked for a review of this item during our September 23rd study session. We should know what it's costing TPD to administer the program and how much money it's generating. I believe the Ordinance has had enough time on the books so we can gauge whether or not it's freeing up TPD time from having to respond to false alarms and its true impact on the local businesses who were concerned about losing customers.

This is just a very brief intro to our upcoming review. I'll keep an open mind and will expect the early proponents of this to do the same. If it's working, we should keep it. If it's not, we should either tweak it, or dump it.



Some rough numbers from last fiscal year show that TPD had over 13,000 alarm calls and responded to about 7,000 of them. If we're paying around \$100 per call, that's \$700K in officer cost for those 7,000 responses. Those numbers seem to show that the annual fee isn't nearly covering the actual costs of our responding to false alarms as was predicted.

Other Arizona cities have addressed this in a wide variety of ways that seem to have reduced the number of calls and/or who is actually charged with the initial response.

Alzheimer's Association – Desert Southwest Chapter

I want to give a plug to Kelly Raach and her staff over at the Alzheimer's Association. They run one of the critical non-profits in the region that specifically deals with that disease. Alzheimer's is a progressive brain disease for which no cure currently exists. It is estimated to affect over 5 million people in this country alone.

Kelly and her folks deal with family care consultations, programs to address early stage treatments, education for anyone who might have questions, support groups, and a very important MedicAlert program.

If you think a friend or family member might benefit from these services, please call them at 322.6601. If it's after hours, this Helpline is staffed 24/7: 800.272.3900.

Mexican Independence Day Concert

And finally, tonight the Fox will host a free concert celebrating Mexican Independence Day. The Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra will perform. It's a General Admission house tonight, so you should show up early if you want a seat up front.

In addition to the symphony, the event will culminate with the traditional ringing of the El Grito de Independencia bell, along with the celebratory cry of independence via a live broadcast from Mexico City. That commemorates the September 16th, 1810 end of an 11 year fight between Mexico and Spain through which Mexico gained independence.

Here's the timeline for the evening:

6:00 pm Doors Open

7:00 pm Musical Performance

8:30 pm History of the "Grito" by Consulado de Mexico en Tucson, Ricardo Pineda

8:40 pm Live Feed of the "Grito" directly from Mexico City, Distrito Federal

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Shakespeare in the Park 2014

El Rio Theatre Project Presents its 8th Annual Shakespeare in the Park production

The Tragedy of King Lear by William Shakespeare

Directed by Michael Givens

Himmel Park Outdoor Amphitheatre

1000 N. Tucson Blvd.

Sept. 19,20,21, Sept. 25,26,27,28, and Oct. 2,3,4,5

Curtain time is 7 p.m. for all performances, and the event is free to the public, with a suggested donation of \$5. Bring a blanket, a picnic basket and the whole family, and enjoy an evening of Theatre in the park. For additional information call 791-5909.

Big Laughs for an Important Cause!

Fox Theatre

17 W Congress St

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

David Fitzsimmons will once again display his hilarious master of ceremonies skills at Comedy for Charity's amazing variety show. With standup performances by Headliner Bill Dawes (Sex and the City, I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell, Caroline's Comedy Club), Feature Acts Jill Bryan, Elliot Glicksman and Suzie Sexton; music by LeeAnne Savage, Janee Starr, and Hope Sullivan; dance by Dancing in the Streets AZ, and juggling by Green Jelly Bean Entertainment, the audience will experience an unforgettable night of entertainment. The proceeds of the event will provide money for victims of violence and violence prevention. This year's beneficiaries are Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse and Dancing in the Streets AZ. A Hollywood-esque event, Lifestyle Live will be interviewing our guests on the Red Carpet. More info at www.comedyforcharity.org.

The Rogue Theatre

The Historic Y

300 E University Blvd

<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

The Rogue opens its 10th Anniversary Season with a production of "Awake and Sing," the Clifford Odets masterpiece of an immigrant family in New York during the Depression. The play's issues are hauntingly current, as the family struggles to make sense of their place in America. September 11–28, 2014, Thursday–Saturday 7:30 P.M., Sunday 2:00 P.M., plus a Saturday 2:00 P.M. Matinee September 27th.

Ongoing

La Pilita Museum, 420 S. Main
lapilita.com

Tucson Symphony Orchestra, 260 S. Church Ave
 2014-15 Season Opening Weekend!

This classic American program kicks things off in high style with Bernstein's Three Dance Episodes from the 1944 musical, "On the Town", George Gershwin's Piano Concerto performed by Mr. Lefèvre and concludes with the essential American symphony, Aaron Copland's Symphony No. 3. Two performances on Friday, Sept. 26, 2014 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 at 2 p.m.

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave
 "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike"
 The winner of the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play!
 Written by Christopher Durang, Directed by Joel Sass
 September 13 – October 4, 2014
<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St
www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St
<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd
<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St
<http://hotelcongress.com>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd
www.loftcinema.com

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave
www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave
 Temple of Shadows. August 21st to November 1st.
 Jewish History Museum invites the public to view 15 prints showing the Museum before its renovation in black and white and afterwards infused with color.
www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave
 Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm
www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

Opening October 18, 2014

Regarding Curtis: Contemporary Indian Artists Respond to the Imagery of Edward S. Curtis. Whether romanticized or contested, the enduring power of the imagery of Edward S. Curtis has informed contemporary notions of Native American identity and perception. By inviting contemporary Indian artists to respond to these issues of identity and perception, we carry this dialogue into the present day, both visually and intellectually.

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

Now through December 2014, "The Best of the Best: Prize Minerals from the Vaults of Arizona's Collectors."

<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop, 245 E Congress St

<http://sacredmachine.com>

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>



2014 Skytober Fest Fundraiser

Sky Islands Public High School cordially invites you to participate in its inaugural fund raising event:

Skytober Fest— 7-10pm

Friday, October 24

At Sky Islands School on the Rogers Commons/ 6000 E 14th St

Featuring the **“No Reply” band—**
60’s and 70’s rock ‘n’ roll !!



Beer, wine, soft drinks; catered Hors D’oeuvres, 60’s car show, raffle of fabulous prizes and more! Be a part of this amazing school !

What is Sky Islands High School?

Sky Islands is providing one good answer to the growing question:
“What to do with vacant TUSD schools?”

Rogers Elementary School sits on 12 acres surrounded by three residential neighborhoods to the east, west, and south, and Sears Park/Park Place Mall to the north.

The site had been left vacant for three years, and became a home for vagrants—broken windows, litter, and increased risk for the community.

In 2013 **Sky Islands** became the first public school to lease a vacated TUSD site, with the express intent of restoring the buildings and landscape, and returning their use to the community.

Rogers Commons was established by **Sky Islands** to reinvest the site with a sense of public use and to invite community stewardship.

The educational program and curriculum at **Sky Islands** has been designed to equip students with the critical habits and skills to make them not only college-ready, but *successful* in college, in their chosen lines of work, and as citizens broadly.

You can help. Become a community partner in this dynamic, unique, and creative urban educational endeavor.

Tickets are \$40 pre-sale or at the door—
Each ticket entitles you to 2 free drinks.

Please call Sky Islands at 382.9210 or e-mail office@skyislands.org for additional information.

Hope to see you here !

Dr Shari Popen/ Director